

Governance and Audit Committee

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5 June 2018

Report of	Monitoring Officer	Author	Andrew Weavers
Title	Appointment of Directors to Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited		
Wards affected	N/A		

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to nominate the names of two new nominee directors to the board of Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited following the resignation of two directors.

2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 To note that Councillor Adam Fox and Councillor Beverly Davies have resigned as nominee directors of Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited.
- 2.2 To recommend to Cabinet that Councillor Julie Young and Councillor Vic Flores be appointed nominee directors to the board of Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited.

3. Reasons for Recommended Decision

- 3.1 The Council as the shareholder of Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited is required to nominate up to four councillors as nominee directors. Following the resignation of two existing nominee directors the Committee is required to recommend two new councillor directors to the company board.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 No alternative options are presented

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 At the Annual meeting on 23 May 2018, the Committee's terms of reference were amended to include the responsibility to act as the shareholder committee for Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited. As part of this role the Committee is required to recommend to Cabinet the appointment of nominee directors to the board of Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited.
- 5.2 Councillor Adam Fox and Councillor Beverly Davies have both resigned as nominee directors to the board of Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited. Appointments to the board are on a Group basis and the Labour Group have nominated Councillor Julie Young and the Conservative Group have nominated Councillor Vic Flores as their chosen nominees. Attached at Appendix 1 is a short resume of both nominees experience.

- 5.3 It is proposed that the Committee recommend to Cabinet that Councillor Julie Young and Councillor Vic Flores be nominated directors to the board of Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited.

6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 The manner in which the Council governs its business is an underpinning mechanism in the Council's Strategic Plan aims to set out the direction and future potential for our Borough.

7. Financial, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights, Consultation, Publicity, Community Safety, Health, Safety and Risk Management Implications

- 7.1 None identified.

Appendix 1

Nominee Councillor Directors to Colchester Commercial (Holdings) Limited

Labour Group

Name	Experience
Julie Young	<p>Julie Young is an experienced Councillor both on Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council, where she led her political group. She is a former member of Essex Fire Authority and had a Local Government Association lead role on Fire, serving on the Fire Services Management committee and Fire Commission. She served on the shadow board of Colchester Borough Homes which steered through the development of this arms length management organisation and has served on the board. A passionate advocate of sprinkler systems I was pleased to influence Colchester Borough Homes and the Fire Service to work together to ensure the refurbished sheltered housing known as Enoch House included a sprinkler system.</p> <p>I have served as a school governor for over 20 years and was instrumental in the new school being commissioned known as Colchester Academy. I have also served as a board member of the Mercury Theatre.</p> <p>I have vast experience in scrutinising budgets in my role on executive scrutiny at ECC, a committee I have chaired in the past. I currently act as Chair of Licensing on Colchester Borough Council. For 5 years I served as a non-executive director of Colchester PCT, I am particularly proud that during my time there the primary care centre was opened bringing dialysis to the locality along with the walk in centre. I am a can do person who always puts my heart and soul into the roles which I take on. I hope that this gives a little information about me to demonstrate the range of my experience.</p>

Conservative Group

Name	Experience
Vic Flores	<p>Currently, I have recently taken on the role of CEO of an exciting new charity, providing temporary accommodation and ongoing support to Colchester's Homeless population. I lead a group of 14 volunteers and Trustees through all aspects of the operation of the organisation. Fund raising, Core funding, liaising with existing organisations and wider network of similar charities.</p> <p>After leaving Colchester Royal Grammar School I joined the RAF as a photographer/Videographer.</p> <p>In 1987 I left the RAF to start my own video production company based at the Hythe and in 1989 started working for Anglia TV as a Cameraman/Reporter.</p> <p>My production company closed in 2014 after having made over 200 programmes for Sky TV and numerous other channels worldwide.</p> <p>I was part of a pioneering network of partners that instigated the Manchester City Council Sports project that led to the Commonwealth Games and ultimately to the resettlement of Manchester City Football Club.</p> <p>My speciality was filming sports, including several World Cups and European Championships, Formula One Motor Racing, International Tennis and Squash. I am a lifelong supporter of Colchester Utd and filmed their matches for 25 Years.</p> <p>I served as a school Governor in Colchester at St Teresa's Primary School as chair of finance.</p> <p>I am a Trustee of Straight Road Community Centre Ltd.</p>